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## Two CEs Among Sijan Winners

The outstanding leadership ability of two civil engineers has earned each of them a 2001 Lance P. Sijan Air Force Leadership Award. Lt Col Carlos R. Cruz-Gonzalez received the senior officer award and SSgt Kile W. Stewart received the junior enlisted award.

Lt Col Cruz-Gonzalez was recognized for his efforts while assigned to Air Force Space Command. As commander of the 90th Civil Engineer Squadron at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, WY, the colonel's decisive leadership helped win approval of an \$11.5 million consolidated missile maintenance facility. He also helped F.E. Warren capture the Command's Installation Excellence Award.

"Carlos Cruz embodied his personal motto; 'Fortune favors the bold," said Lt Col Stephen Czerwinski, 90th Support Group deputy commander. "He proved himself a bold commander who took initiative and was rewarded for it."

Lt Col Cruz-Gonzalez is currently assigned to Air



Lt Col Carlos R. Cruz-Gonzalez is the senior officer recipient of a 2001 Lance P. Sijan Award.

War College at Maxwell AFB, AL. "I'm grateful for the award," he said, "but God, my family, and the great people at the 90th CES deserve the recognition. It's always easy to look good when you have a superb team supporting you!"

SSgt Kile Stewart is assigned to the 18th CES, Kadena Air Base, Japan. As a rescue crew chief, Sergeant Stewart led his crew during numerous crash, structural and medical emergencies. He provided fire protection for 4,000 facilities, more than 35,000 residents, and 135 assigned aircraft that perform 80,000 movements per year. Sergeant Stewart was also named the Air Force and Department of Defense Firefighter of the Year for 2001.

Despite his successes this year, he remains humble about his achievements. Sergeant Stewart says he tries to pass on the knowledge of good leadership to those under him.

"I want to be a good representative," Stewart said. "I think what has helped me is that I always try to do the right things for the right reasons. CMSgt Anthony Rabonza instilled that in me." Chief Rabonza is a former Kadena fire chief who pow teaches at

former Kadena fire chief who now teaches at the DoD Fire Academy at Goodfellow AFB, TX.

"I tell my troops to do that, (and) apply the Air Force core values to their daily lives. I credit those three lines with getting me through every day, no matter how hectic or normal."

The Sijan Award was created in 1981 to honor the first Air Force Academy graduate to receive the Medal of Honor. The award annually recognizes a senior and junior officer and a senior and junior enlisted airman who demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and are assigned to organizations at the wing level or below. (SrA Jason Lake, 18th Wing Public Affairs, and SSgt Bryan Gatewood, 90th Space Wing Public Affairs, and AFPC News Service contributed to this report.)



SSgt Kile W. Stewart is the junior enlisted recipient of a 2001 Lance P. Sijan Award. (Photo courtesy 18th Wing Public Affairs)

# Burns Promoted to Brigadier General

Col Patrick A. Burns was promoted to the rank of brigadier general effective Jan. 1. General Burns is The Civil Engineer, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, VA.

The general served four years enlisted duty with Air Force Security Service prior to being commissioned after completing Officer Training School as a distinguished graduate in 1974. He has commanded a support group and civil engineer squadron and has served in a range of civil engineer positions at base level, numbered air force, major command and Air Staff. He also served as an aide to the First Family for the 1985

Presidential Inauguration. In 1990 he deployed to Saudi Arabia as Combat Support Commander to bed down the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing during Operation DESERT SHIELD. He was The Civil Engineer, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, prior to his current assignment.

Among the general's awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters. He is a Fellow of the Society of American Military Engineers and was a 2001 recipient of the Army Corps of Engineers Bronze deFleury Medal. The general is a registered professional engineer in Virginia.



Brig Gen Patrick A. Burns

# Firefighter Combat Challenge Competition

Firefighters from Travis and Edwards Air Force Bases, CA; Little Rock AFB, AR; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and the DoD Fire Academy at Goodfellow AFB, TX, participated in the 10th annual Firefighter Combat Challenge International Championship Oct. 31-Nov. 3 in Memphis, TN. The Travis, Edwards, Ramstein and Academy teams advanced to the finals in the relay event. Out of 277 fire departments represented at the competition, the Travis team made it all the way to the top eight, while Goodfellow advanced to the top 16.

Edwards and Ramstein made it to the top 64. The fastest Air Force member in an individual event was SSgt A. J. Eversley from Travis. He clocked in at 1:38.67 seconds, just 19 seconds off the new world record set during this year's competition.

The FCC is conducted annually across the United States and in several other countries, culminating in the International Championship event. (TSgt Michael A. Ward, HQ AFCESA Public Affairs)



### 2001 Chief Master Sergeant-Selects

The following Air Force civil engineer NCOs have been selected for promotion to chief master sergeant. Congratulations to all on their leadership and achievement.

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Challenge in Memphis, TN. (Photos by

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Pentagon Deputy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary

# Elmendorf CEs unveil gift of pride, patriotism

Members of the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron's exterior electric shop at Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK, are charged with brightening the holiday season each winter on base, making Pease Avenue sparkle by stringing the thoroughfare's trees with Christmas lights. This year, with many U.S. service members spending the holidays in harm's way, the squadron wanted to do more.

Touted as a surprise gift to the community, the 3rd CES unveiled the product of their inspiration just before the holiday season — 22,000 light bulbs in the glimmering form of the U.S. flag.

The flag was the brainchild of SSgt Thomas Pontes from the exterior electric shop. Maj Sal Nodjomian, CE Operations Flight commander, had asked the shop to come up with ideas to improve this season's display.

"In addition to what we normally do on Pease, we wanted to do something more spectacular," Nodjomian said. "So I gave the project to exterior electric and three or four days later SSgt Pontes came into my office with the concept of the flag in lights."

The details were hammered out over several days, as CE people came up with a "really classy" display, Nodjomian said.

"We wanted something that could be used again and again," Nodjomian said. "We picked Nov. 9 to unveil it because it went with Veterans Day. What started as a holiday display was now a patriotic display, so while we originally planned to have it up through the holidays, it will be up until spring."

"We all just wanted to do something for those who are deployed and show some spirit back here at home base," Pontes said.

> CE leadership was equally pleased with the way the 30-plus people who worked on the project went about getting the job done, Nodjomian said.

"I want to emphasize that the majority of work was done after duty hours and on weekends," Nodjomian said. "There was a whole lot of volunteer time."

CE people also got the chance to work in disciplines outside their normal work areas, with carpenters brushing up on their welding skills, and interior electricians working on an exterior project, Nodjomian said. (From an article by SSgt Jim Fisher, 3rd Wing Public Affairs Office)

Members of the 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK, illuminate their holiday gift to the Elmendorf community - a 22,000bulb display of the American flag. (Photo by MSqt Valerie Weaver)